> UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA

MICHAEL FRIEDMAN,

Plaintiff,

v.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION and NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:25-CV-5196-BHS

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS AND RECOMMENDING SCREENING

Because Plaintiff does not appear to have funds available to afford the \$405 filing fee, Plaintiff financially qualifies for *in forma pauperis* (IFP) status pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1). Therefore, Plaintiff's IFP application (Dkt. 1) is GRANTED.

Because Plaintiff has filed this lawsuit seeking IFP status, the Court shall consider whether Plaintiff has adequately stated a claim. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2). Therefore, Plaintiff is advised the assigned United States District Judge will review the Complaint under §1915(e)(2)(b). The Court further advises that summons may not be issued and further filings submitted by Plaintiff may not be considered until after the assigned District Judge completes the review.

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The Clerk of the Court is directed to send a copy of this Order to Plaintiff and to the District Judge assigned to this case. Dated this 10th day of April, 2025. United States Magistrate Judge

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